

Senate Resolution 398

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier for her outstanding public
2 service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Dozier has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of
5 the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by her superlative service as the thirteenth president of Savannah State
9 University (SSU); and

10 WHEREAS, with a vision to move students from "matriculation to graduation," Dr. Dozier
11 has led SSU to an all-time high level of enrollment, increased fund raising, and increased
12 chartership of new alumni chapters; and

13 WHEREAS, her work as principal investigator for a \$4 million grant from the National
14 Institutes of Health has helped promote minority health research and strengthen SSU's
15 biomedical and behavioral science research infrastructure; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Dozier is very active in the Savannah community, serving on multiple
17 governing boards and civic organizations; she was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to
18 serve on the Georgia Child Welfare Reform Council, which was created to improve the
19 state's child welfare system; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Dozier has served with honor and distinction as the president of Savannah
21 State University, and her vision and unyielding commitment have set the standard for public
22 service; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier for her efficient, effective, unselfish,
27 and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and extend the most sincere best wishes
28 for continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Cheryl
31 Davenport Dozier.